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AMENDMENT & RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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In response to the Final Office Action mailed November 7, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute the claim set in the appendix entitled Clean Version of Pending Claims for the previously pending claim set. The substitute claim set is intended to reflect amendment of previously pending claims 19, 20, 53, 79, 82, 85, and 107-112. The specific amendments to individual claims are detailed in the following marked up set of claims.

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19. (Amended) A capacitor, comprising:
a first conductive capacitor plate of a first material;
a second conductive capacitor plate; and
[a dielectric interposed between said first and second conductive capacitor plates, wherein said dielectric is an oxide of] a metal layer of a second material overlying the first conductive capacitor plate, wherein the metal layer includes a non-oxidized portion and an oxidized portion, wherein the oxidized portion is a dielectric of the capacitor.
20. (Amended) A memory system, comprising:
a monolithic memory device, comprising a capacitor, wherein the capacitor comprises:
a first conductive capacitor plate;